

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately after the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, please remove the existing paragraph beginning at line 6 and replace it with the following:

--This application is a Divisional of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/420,622 filed October 19, 1999, and the present application also claims priority to PCT Application Serial No. IB98 01 324 filed on August 25, 1998, and to French Patent Application Number 97 10664 filed on August 26, 1997, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--